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MORGENROTH CONCERT BENEFITS 2002 UM JAZZ FESTIVAL

MISSOULA--

Missoula pianist David Morgenroth will treat jazz enthusiasts to a wide variety of the classics Sunday, Feb. 3, at a benefit concert for The University of Montana 2002 Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival.

Morgenroth, both a classical and jazz artist, is familiar to Missoula audiences. He appears regularly at the annual UM jazz festival and also performs as a guest pianist with the Missoula Symphony Orchestra. Morgenroth's jazz CD "Radiance" was released in 1998.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the UM Music Recital Hall. Tickets cost \$25 for the general public; UM students and senior citizens can attend for \$10. Call (888) MONTANA or 243-4051 for tickets, or pick them up at the following Tic-It-E-Z locations: Worden's Market, Southgate Mall, the University Center Box Office or Adams Center Box Office.

The annual UM Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival is a celebration of jazz performance and education. DeFranco, a part-time Whitefish resident, has been described as "the supreme virtuoso" of the clarinet and an "innovator who defies category and time" by Downbeat Magazine. He has appeared with Tommy Dorsey, Oscar Peterson, Art Blakey, Nelson Riddle, Art Tatum and many others.

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The 2002 Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival will be held April 26 and 27 at UM. Featured artists this year will be renowned clarinetist Eddie Daniels and trumpet virtuoso Byron Stripling.

Further information about the Morgenroth concert or the annual jazz festival is available online at www.umt.edu/defrancojazz or by calling 243-5071.

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